

REMARKS

In response to the allegation that the following species are distinct from each other:

species A illustrated in Fig's 1-2;

species B illustrated in Fig's 3-4; and

species C illustrated in Fig 5-6;

and the requirement to elect one of these species for prosecution at this time; and the requirement to identify which of the claims read on the elected species; applicant responds as follows:

Applicant elects that species A to be prosecuted at this time.

Applicant believes that claims 1-8, 12-14, 18-24 all read on the species A, the elected species.

Applicant believes that claims 1-7, 12-13 and 18-23 are all generic to all the species. If any generic claims are allowed then all the claims must be considered in this application.

Even if a generic claim is not found to be allowable, the examiner should examine all the claims to all the species in this application, because there is not an unreasonable number of species, and the search for art for the elected species, will be sufficient for the examination of the claims for all the other species.

The claims are definite and distinguished from the citations and Applicant respectfully requests the allowance of all the claims.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any fee (except the issue fee) including fees for any required extension of time, to Account No. 14-1270.

Respectfully submitted,

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